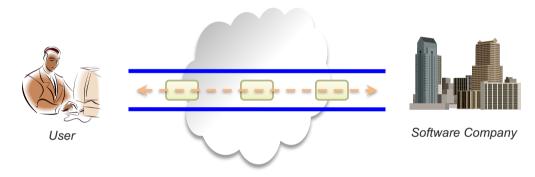
Message Authentication Codes

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Message Authentication

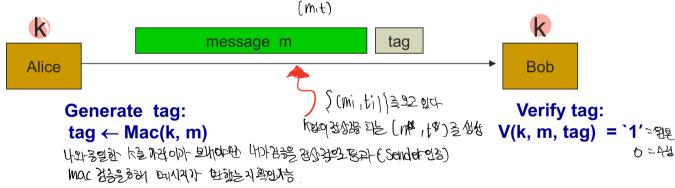
- Confidentiality vs. message integrity
 - Distributing patch files or updated programs from a server
 - Not necessary to hide content



- Message integrity is necessary to ensure that: → 與身.
 - o (a) The message is sent from the very company আন্মান প্রায়ন্ত্র (Sender Auth)
 - o (b) The message is not changed during transmission প্রথম বিশ্বর প্রথম (ফুল্ডেরে এনা)
- Encryption is sufficient to provide message integrity?
 - Changing the amount by flipping a bit: $000001\$ \rightarrow 100001\$$

Message Authentication Codes (MAC) (1)

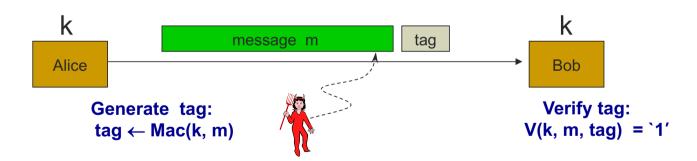
- Definition of MAC = (Gen, Mac, Verify) ঝএ৸ইছে .
 - o Gen(1ⁿ) → a private-key k
 - o Mac(k, m) \rightarrow a tag t
 - Verify(k, m, t) \rightarrow output 1 if m is valid, otherwise 0



- A private-key k should be shared in advance
 - Key sharing problem occurs as in symmetric-key encryption
- o (m, t) is transmitted 숙일필인X
 - The message m is revealed to anyone

Message Authentication Codes (MAC) (2)

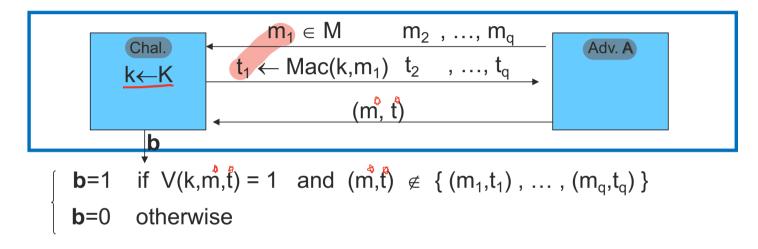
- Security of MAC = (Gen, Mac, Verify) MACULAR CHEENER OHERONE OHERONE OHERONE OHERONE OHERONE
 - O Allow adversary to request MAC tags $\{t_i\}$ for any message $\{m_i\}$
 - - (1) t is valid on m, i.e., Verify(k, m, t) =1
 - (2) $\{m_1^0, t_1^0\} \notin \{(m_1, t_1), \dots, (m_q, t_q)\}$ \leftarrow Not even a previous message m_i



- O The output m° is not necessarily meaningful (why?): existential forgery
- MAC does not offer protection against 'reply attacks'
 - Two common technique: use of sequence numbers or time-stamps

Modeling Security of MACs

■ For a MAC I=(Mac,V) and A, define a MAC security game as:



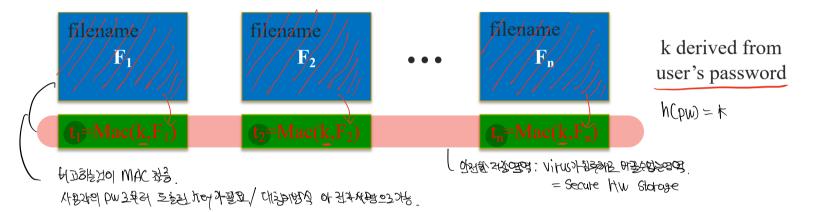
Def: I=(Mac,V) is a secure MAC if for all "efficient" A: $Pr[A_{MAC} \text{ wins}] = Pr[Chal. \text{ outputs 1}] \text{ is "negligible."}$ = Secure. MAC

Example: protecting system files

1. hash-mac: hashelife or bet mac

Suppose at install time the system computes:

2. C-MOC: CH2)-(B3 CBC OLB)



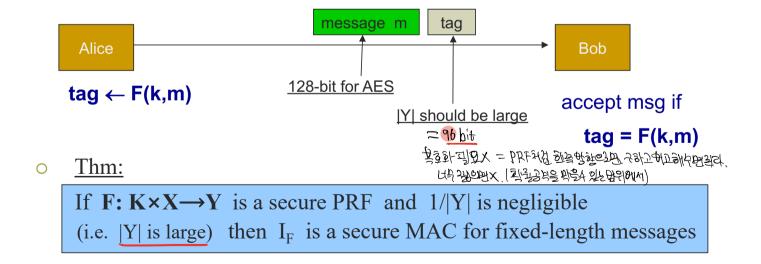
- Later a virus infects system and modifies system files
- User reboots into clean OS and supplies his password
 - Then: secure MAC \Rightarrow all modified files will be detected

MAC construction from PRF

128-64 AES (PRF)

28-bits

- MAC for fixed-length messages:
- For a PRF $\mathbf{F}: \mathbf{K} \times \mathbf{X} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Y}$ define a MA $\overline{\mathbf{C}}$ $\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{F}} = (\mathrm{Mac}, \mathrm{V})$ as:
 - $\bigcirc \quad Mac(k, m) := \underset{\text{Aff.}}{F(k, m)} = \underset{\text{Truncated (3242)292 MAC tog.)}}{ \text{Truncated (3242)292 MAC tog.)}}$
 - V(k, m, t): output '1' if $\underline{t} = F(\underline{k}, \underline{m})$ and '0' otherwise



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In Practice

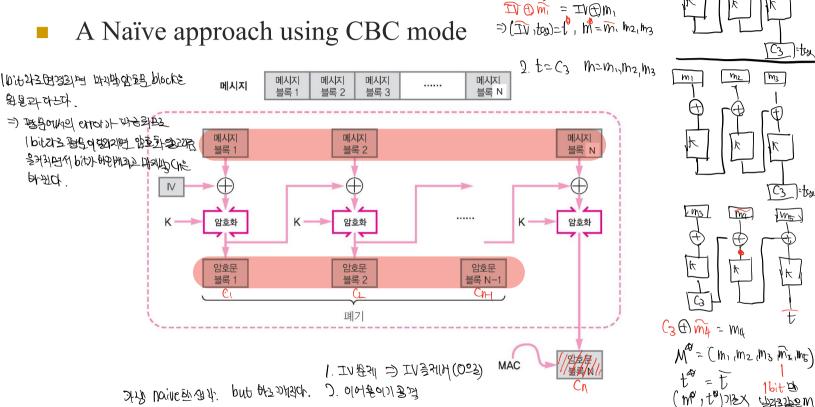
- AES: a MAC for 16-byte messages
- Main question: how to convert Small-MAC into a Big-MAC?
 - Two main constructions used in practice:
 - **CBC-MAC** (banking ANSI X9.9, X9.19, FIPS 186-3)
 - **HMAC** (Internet protocols: SSL, IPsec, SSH, ...)
 - O Both convert a small-PRF into a big-PRF
- Truncating MACs based on PRFs

If (Mac,V) is a MAC based on a secure PRF outputting n-bit tags, the truncated MAC outputting w bits is secure

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... as long as $1/2^{w}$ is still negligible (say $w \ge 64$)

CBC-MAC – simple idea



(IV, tag= C_N) is a MAC tag with respect to message M= $(M_1, ..., M_N)$

1.(IV, tag), m=m, m2, m3

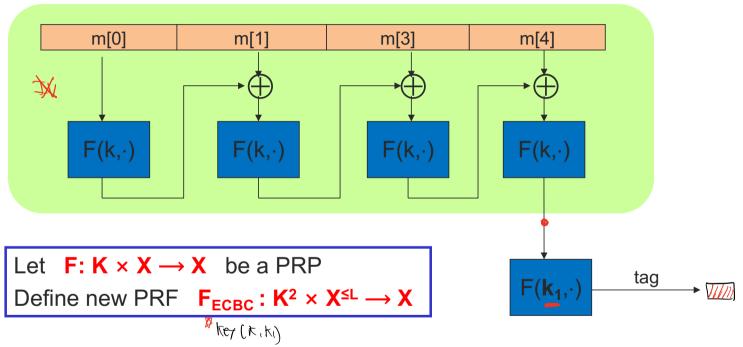
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- Is this CBC-MAC secure for arbitrary length N?
 - Two reasons:

CBC-MAC – Practical Construction

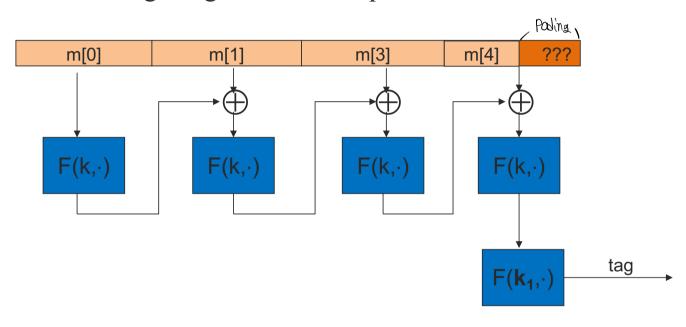
raw CBC



- $K = (k, k_1)$ should be shared in advance
- 'tag' can be truncated with reasonable length
- What are differences between CBC encryption vs. CBC-MAC?
- CBC-MAC is commonly used as AES-based MAC
 - AES-CCM encryption mode (used in IEEE 802.11i) C(A音型 POR POR TRIPOL CRC MAC

MAC padding

What if msg. length is not multiple of block-size?



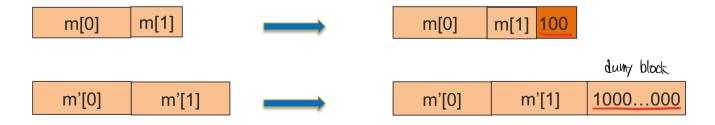
CBC-MAC padding

■ Bad idea: pad m with 0's



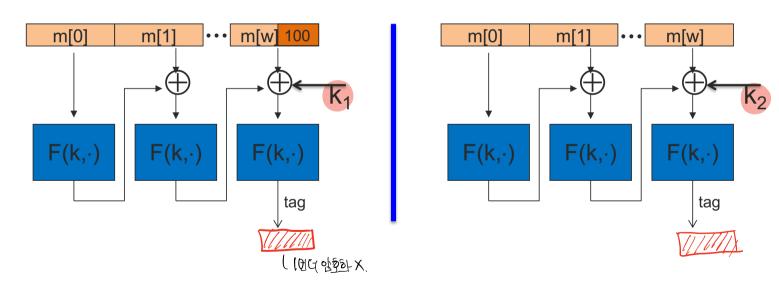
• Is the resulting MAC secure?

- <u>ISO</u>: pad with "1000...00". Add new dummy block if needed
 - The "1" indicates beginning of pad



CMAC (NIST standard)

- Variant of CBC-MAC where $key = (k, k_1, k_2)$
 - No final encryption step (extension attack thwarted by last keyed xor)
 - \circ No dummy block (ambiguity resolved by use of k_1 or k_2)

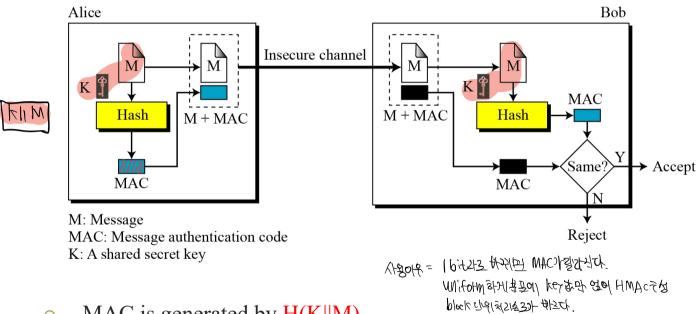


O What is the difference between CBC-MAC and CMAC? I. damy block প্রধ্নের ১. টেন্ প্রক্রিন্তার

HMAC – simple idea of using CRHF (1)

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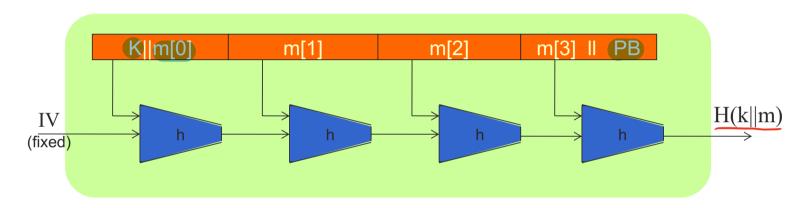
Assume there exists a symmetric-key between Alice and Bob



- \circ MAC is generated by H(K||M)
- When a hash function H is constructed using the Merkle-Damgard transform, the above method is not a secure MAC (why?)

HMAC – simple idea of using CRHF (2)

Merkle-Damgrd iterated construction



Given one Mac(K, m)=H(K||m), how can we compute another tag on a new message?

HMAC – Practical Construction

- How can we solve the above problem? \rightarrow HMAC
 - NIST standard: most widely used MAC on the Internet
 - Building a HMAC from a hash function H

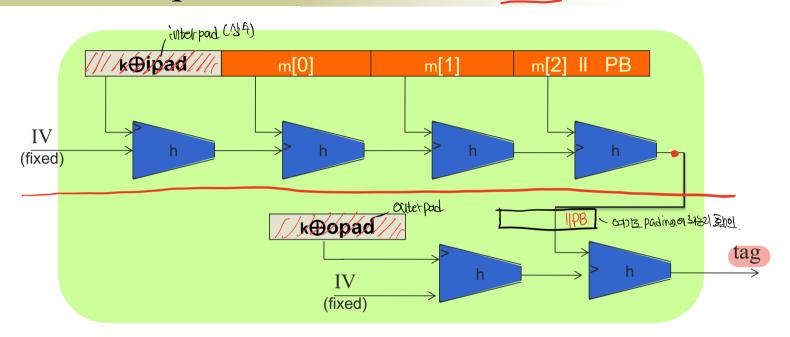
HMAC: Mac(k, m) = H(
$$\underline{k \oplus opad}$$
 || $\underline{H(k \oplus ipad || \underline{m})}$)



- o Fixed IV (元分义)
- O Using a single secret key K ipad 10pad 3.中至是世纪
- o ipad = 0x36 (repeated), opad = 0x5C (repeated)

HMAC in pictures

SHA-256



- \circ Two keys k_1 and k_2 are dependent, but ...
- O In TLS: must support HMAC-SHA256-96 256bit & 96bit & MAC
- Thm: If h is secure PRF and yields a secure fixed-length MAC, then HMAC is secure

Homework 3 4

- https://github.com/intel/tinycrypt
 - o HMAC (relying on SHA-256) code analysis (due date: 10/28)

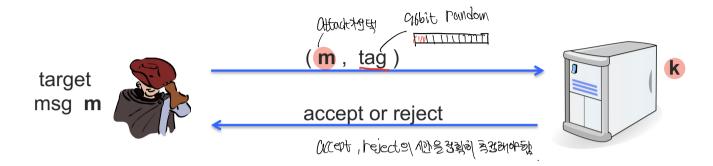
Verification Timing Attacks (1)

- Can be a generic attack for any MAC
- Given (M=message, T=tag)

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Verify(Key, M, T):
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- generate MAC(Key, M)
- compare MAC(Key, M) == T(byte-by-byte comparison)
- If equality does not hold, return 'error'
- If equality holds, return 'authenticated'
- Problem: '==' implemented as a byte-by-byte comparison
 - Comparator returns false when first inequality found

Verification Timing Attacks (2)

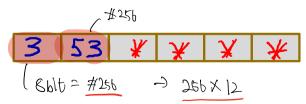


Timing attack: to compute tag for target message **m** do:

Step 1: Query server with random tag

Step 2: Loop over all possible first bytes and query server stop when verification takes a little longer than in step 1

Step 3: repeat for all tag bytes until valid tag found



Defense

Make string comparator always take same time: 25 byte= 30 7 tetum

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def Verify(key, M, T):

tag = MAC(key, M)

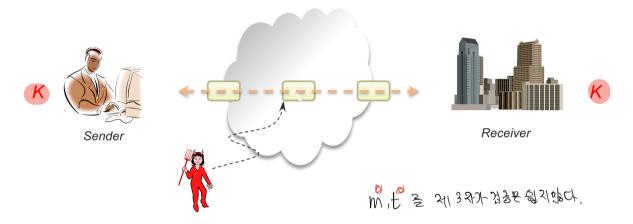
return MAC(key, tag) == MAC(key, T)
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Attacker doesn't know values being compared

Lesson: Don't implement crypto yourself!

Limitation of MAC

MAC is implemented in symmetric-key setting



- Later, if a legal dispute (about (m, t)) between sender and receiver happens, how can each entity convince other party that (m, t) is valid?
- To solve the problem, need a new cryptographic primitive!!
 - Possible to provide 'public-verifiability'

Q&A